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1.THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON PROPOSED SALE OF REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN WAS BURIED IN NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE HEADED "MONETARY TALKS SOUGHT BY PARIS AS TOP PRIORITY", (NOVEMBER 3, PAGE 65): QUOTE:FROM THE UNITED STATES VIEW, HOWEVER, A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS IS GROWING WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH THE MORE OR LESS SIMILAR PLANS TO CONTROL NUCLEAR EXPORTS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER.

WHILE HE REFUSED TO ENDORSE PRESIDENT FORD'S CALL FOR A
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MORATORIUM ON SALES OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS AND

OTHER CONTROLS, MR. GUIRINGAUD SAID FRENCH POLICY WAS "PARALLEL" TO WASHINGTON'S. AND HE HINTED INDIRECTLY THAT FRANCE WOULD DROP ITS CONTROVERSIAL PLAN TO SELL A REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN IF THE UNITED STATES CAN PERSUADE THE PAKISTANIS TO CANCEL THEIR ORDER, AS WAS DONE EARLIER WHEN FRANCE MADE A SIMILAR DEAL WITH SOUTH KOREA TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES OBJECTED.

THE CANCELLATION OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PURCHASE AT SEOUL'S REQUEST WAS "A GOOD PRECEDENT," MR. GUIRINGAUD SAID,

ALTHOUGH HE ALSO SAID THAT MEANWHILE PARIS WOULD STAND BY ITS SIGNATURE OF THE SALES AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID FRENCH POLICY NOW WAS DEFINITELY AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION BUT THAT PARIS MUST ALSO BE ABLE TO ASSURE ITS CUSTOMERS FOR ATOMIC POWER STATIONS OF FUEL AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND THAT IT EXPECTED SOME SIMILAR "RESTRAINT" FROM OTHERS. IT WAS A DIPLOMATIC WAY OF SIGNALING THAT FRANCE HAS DROPPED OPEN OPPOSITION TO UNITED STATES CALLS FOR STIFFER CONTROLS AND IS READY TO NEGOTIATE. END OF QUOTE.

2. ARTICLE WAS BASED ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION IN PARIS. KISSINGER

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